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Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing: integration of older persons in development

The General Assembly,

Mindful of the challenges the ageing of populations poses to all countries,

Noting with appreciation the activities of the global information campaign for the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Ageing and the many observances of the International Day for the Elderly,

Noting with satisfaction the active participation of Member States, specialized agencies and bodies of the United Nations, non-governmental organizations, older persons and experts in developing a practical strategy on ageing in the form of a set of targets on ageing for the year 2001,

Welcoming the convening of the XV International Congress of Gerontology in Budapest, Hungary, in June 1993,

Welcoming with appreciation the participation of older persons in development programmes and projects,

Aware of the plight of older persons, particularly those in developing countries as well as those in difficult circumstances,

Aware also of the heavy obligations on families that provide care to older persons and the need for comprehensive community care programmes,

Aware further of the increasing concern of development agencies for securing the human and financial resources needed for adjusting policies and programmes to population ageing,

1. Notes with appreciation the reports of the Secretary-General on the global targets on ageing for the year 2001 1/ and the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Ageing; 2/

2. Adopts the global targets on ageing for the year 2001 as a practical strategy on ageing, and urges Member States to support the strategy and to consult the guide for setting national targets contained therein;

3. Invites the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, as the lead and coordinating agency for the global targets, to update the strategies periodically on the basis of achievements and new opportunities and to refine indicators for measuring progress in cooperation with the International Institute on Ageing in Malta and others;

4. Invites the regional commissions of the United Nations to assist Member States in their regions in setting regional targets on ageing for the year 2001, bearing in mind the global targets and the diverse national needs in their regions;

5. Invites the specialized agencies and bodies of the United Nations to examine technical, organizational and financial means of strengthening the inter-agency consultative process, including the biennial meetings on ageing and to suggest measures for the consideration of the Administrative Committee on Coordination;

6. Calls upon the Secretary-General to give all possible support, in the form of both regular and extrabudgetary resources, to the Ageing Unit of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, to enable it to fulfil its mandate as lead agency for the action programme on ageing;

7. Welcomes the support of the United Nations Population Fund, the Government of Sweden and two non-governmental organizations for the research of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs on developmental

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implications of demographic change: global population ageing, and invites continuing support for this project as the basis of a global research component at the Centre;

8. Invites Member States to second national experts and Junior Professional Officers to the Ageing Unit of the Centre to support selected target strategies;

9. Requests the Commission for Social Development to convene an ad hoc informal working group at its thirty-third session for the third review and appraisal exercise of the International Plan of Action on Ageing and for proposing measures in support of setting national targets on ageing in the decade ahead;

10. Invites interested Member States and organizations to support the Centre in establishing and maintaining a data bank on ageing policies and programmes so that the data gathered in the quadrennial reviews can be systematized and made available to Member States and others on a continuing basis;

11. Acknowledges with appreciation the major contribution of the Department of Public Information to the global information campaign, and requests it to continue its work on ageing during the coming decade;

12. Also acknowledges with appreciation the initiative, expertise and dedication of the non-governmental community, and invites the Centre to explore the feasibility of establishing a non-governmental advisory committee, funded by voluntary contributions, to assist the Secretariat in promoting the United Nations Principles for Older Persons 3/ and in implementing the Plan of Action and the target strategies;

13. Commends the International Institute on Ageing on its training programme and related activities, and invites national, regional and international organizations to cooperate closely with the Institute;

14. Urges the United Nations, Member States and non-governmental organizations to support the African Society of Gerontology in developing and implementing a regional programme of activities on ageing;

15. Invites interested Member States and others to explore the feasibility of establishing a training institute on ageing for Latin America and the Caribbean;

16. Also invites Member States generously to support the United Nations Trust Fund for Ageing in order to enable it to continue serving as an operational tool of the United Nations programme on ageing;

3/ Resolution 46/91, annex.

17. Invites Member States, corporations and foundations to support the Banyan Fund: A World Fund for Ageing;

18. Urges the United Nations Development Programme and other development agencies to include a component on ageing in their regular programmes;

19. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution under the item entitled "Social development".